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Bevin Backs Acheson Plan For UN Army

Flushing Meadow, Sept. 25.
Mr Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Minister, today pledged Britain's support for the Acheson plan strengthening the United Nations against aggression.

Addressing the United Nations' General Assembly, Mr Bevin said, "We must give urgent consideration to the plan put forward by Mr Acheson on behalf of the United States Government for strengthening the United Nations machinery against aggression."

"I am in full agreement with its objectives and if adopted it will ensure that responsibility is shared by all of us."

The Acheson plan calls for an international "police" force to keep world peace.

"I am sure the United States Government will welcome constructive criticism in discussions of this plan so as to make it as widely acceptable as possible," Mr Bevin continued.

On the question of disarmament and the control of atomic energy which the Soviet representative, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, raised last week here, Mr Bevin said that these matters could not be dealt with merely by a resolution of the United Nations as proposed by Mr Vyshinsky.

He went on, "Then there is the Soviet proposal for a one-third reduction in armaments. Well, really, the Soviet army is greater than the armies of all Europe and their armaments are greater than all of ours put together."

"This makes it look as though talk of peace petitions and peace campaigns is really a kind of propaganda barrage to weaken the victim before launching the attack."

"The Soviet Government must not be surprised if we are not taken in by it. Before there can be a change there must be a withdrawal of the fifth column from the countries of our free world."

"There must be no interference in any form with other States in their evolution."

"Let there be no sovereignty which is sovereignty which the Russian claim they want to maintain. If that can be accepted then we might reach a stage where this problem of disarmament could be discussed with absolute confidence."

The fact, however, is that during the last five years in which we have been struggling out of the morass caused by the war we have been hampered by

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Mother Of Quads



Mrs Joseph Coles of Westminster, who recently gave birth to quads, pictured with her husband in hospital.—(Central Press).

American Campaign For Recognition Of Peking Regime

New York, Sept. 25.

The National Board of "Americans for Democratic Action" recommended today that the United States withdraw its recognition of the Chinese Nationalist Government.

The group at the same time urged American recognition under certain conditions of the Chinese Communist Government. The recommendations were included in "a United States policy for Asia," issued by the National Board.

The draft of the policy proposals was submitted to the organization by three members, including Mr J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America. Mr Singh said that the proposal of the policy statement by the A.D.A. was "the direct result of the India League of America's efforts."

The organization also expected to announce soon the formation of a special commission of the A.D.A. which will probably be called the "Asia Policy Commission," Mr Singh said.

The statement proposed the following major steps:

- 1.—The unification of Korea and early general elections for that country, with specific assurances to Korea's farmers that "any real gains under the present land reform be preserved and extended."
- 2.—With the aim of preventing the spread of war in Asia and of convincing China that it does not want war with the West, the withdrawal of recognition from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and recognition and seating in the United Nations of Communist China only after receiving "the most explicit assurance that it will not intervene militarily in Korea and will not force a military solution of the Formosa problem."

3.—Co-operation with other Asian nations to place the Indo-China issue in the United Nations, with the ultimate object, the end of French rule and the withdrawal of the French Army.

4.—The conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan, "without Russian and Chinese participation, if necessary," and the integration of Japan into the Asian picture without "re-creating the pattern of Japanese economic domination in Asia."

5.—A strong programme of large-scale economic aid to India, Burma, Pakistan, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Siam, "solidly tied to the most explicit kind of reform programmes."

6.—Opposition in the United Nations Trusteeship Council to "anything that increases or strengthens foreign hold over surviving colonies" and the espousal of "everything that contributes to the swifter and more progressive development of self-government and independence."—Reuter.

Attlee Election Decision

London, Sept. 25.
The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, intends to defer a general election until early next year—provided his hand is not forced by defeat on some confidence issue in Parliament.

Quarters close to Mr Attlee today denied reports that the Prime Minister is being pressed by certain Ministers for an early election, saying that the subject of election dates has not been discussed between Ministers at all.—Reuter.

MARINES BATTERING WAY INTO BURNING SEOUL

Grim Street-To-Street Battle Through The Night

ASSAULT FROM THE REAR

Seoul, Sept. 25.

American Marines fought by the flickering light of burning buildings tonight as they battered their way into the centre of Seoul, reports Alex Valentine, Reuter's correspondent.

The rattle of machine-guns and the crack of snipers' rifles mingled with the roar and crackle of the flames.

Bevin Bid For Peking Seat

Flushing Meadow, Sept. 25.
Mr Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Minister, said in the General Assembly today, "We shall have to try in this Assembly to settle the question of the representation of China."

"I wish to make it clear that we do not intend to break our long established friendship with China," Mr Bevin added.

"We can assure the Chinese people that we look forward to the day when they again take the proper place as one of the Great Powers."

"We shall have forgotten the present difficulties and will be ready to help China fulfil her destiny."—Reuter.

Yugoslav Prescription For Peace

Flushing Meadow, Sept. 25.
The Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Mr Edvard Kardelj, today accused the Soviet Union of leading an American campaign against Yugoslavia.

"When Mr Vyshinsky (Soviet Foreign Minister) demands that war-mongering be prohibited in all countries—a request with which we are in complete agreement, he ought, in his own place, to achieve this in his own country," Mr Kardelj told the United Nations General Assembly.

He asked the Assembly to pass a resolution declaring that any State which launched military operations against another State should be obliged to state publicly within 24 hours its readiness to cease fire and withdraw its armed forces from foreign territory and carry this statement into effect provided the other side made a similar statement.

The resolution further proposed that a State failing to act in this manner would place itself in the position of an aggressor and would be held responsible for the breach of peace.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

NORTH-SOUTH LINK NEARS

Tokyo, Sept. 26.
The prongs of a giant pincer closing on the Communists' last escape route from south-west Korea are now only 24 miles apart.

The fall of Seoul is confidently expected in a matter of hours.

Amid the ruins, Marines and infantry are winking out a last ditch group of 5,000 fanatical Communists during street to street combat in a darkness intermittently lit by the flames of many fires.—Reuter.

North American Black-Out

New York, Sept. 25.
Hundreds of callers rang newspapers and radio stations yesterday to ask if the third world war had started.

Over a large area of eastern North America the sky had become dark and the sun purple.

Cows in southern Ontario had to be milked hours ahead of schedule, chickens went to roost, motorists drove with blazing headlights.

Aircraft pilots said that visibility was zero and they could smell smoke. But weather experts said they believed that the cause of the haze was ice crystals, not smoke.—Reuter.

RED PURGE IN GERMAN STATES

Munich, Sept. 25.
Two more West German States—Bavaria and Bremen—today accepted the Federal Government's decision last week to dismiss all Government officials who support Communist or extreme right parties.

This announcement by the Bavarian Cabinet and the Senate of Bremen today brought the number of West German States welcoming purge of Government servants from all extremist elements to seven.

North Rhine-Westphalia, which contains the former Communist stronghold of the Ruhr, Hanover, Thuringia, Palatinate, Wurttemberg, Baden, and Hesse have already announced their acceptance.

There are 11 West German States.

The Bavarian Cabinet announcement added that detailed regulations setting down the purge procedure would be issued later this week.

The West German Government at Bonn on September declared 13 political organisations—two of which have Members in the Federal Parliament—as "out of bounds" for Federal civil servants.

They are the Communist Party, the Socialist Reich Party (extreme right), the Free German Youth (Communist led), and 10 other Communist sponsored organisations.—Reuter.

Brazilian Reds Shot By Police

Montevideo, Sept. 25.
Four people were killed today in a gun battle between Brazilian Communists and Brazilian police in a street which forms the frontier between Brazil and Uruguay in the joint cities of Rivera and Livramento.

All those killed were described as Communists.—Reuter.

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EDITORIAL

Danish Economic Crisis

NOW that the final figures are available, it is quite evident that the Danish political crisis, the result of serious economic difficulties, has not been solved by the elections to the Folketing, the equivalent of the British House of Commons. There has been a mild swing towards the Right and the Communists, as in every other country in the Western world, have lost further ground, but the change has not been so great as to make any significant difference to the party line-ups. The Social Democrats lost votes in some constituencies, but the over-all result was a gain of two seats, giving them 59 seats out of a total of 149. The Conservatives and the Single Taxers recorded a notable gain in votes without mustering more than 39 seats as a combined group. In other words, there is no recourse except a coalition to replace the minority government of the Social Democrats, which had managed to survive for nearly three years. Denmark's problem is very similar to France's. She has a variation of the proportional representation system which promotes the complications which go with too many separate parties. The normal thing, naturally, is that no single party can establish an outright majority over all other parties. This compels compromise and, often, weakness, and the time arrives when sharp friction occurs, one or more groups break away from the coalition and the Government is faced in Parliament with a vote of no confidence. The biggest party, the Social Democrats, relied on support from those whose policies were in loose agreement, but collision occurred over the Hedtoft Cabinet's announcement that the imposition of controls on hitherto free imports was intended, collaboration ended and the Government was compelled to

resign. A similar coalition arrangement, destined ultimately for a similar fate, was unavoidable and, in fact, an accommodation typical of proportional representation is already operating. That is how democracy works in a free country with a long tradition of civic experience and political responsibility. No dictator, no totalitarian party, whether from Right or Left, is going to step into power and "restore order and efficiency." However, the crisis behind the election remains to be overcome. Denmark has suffered since the war from an unfavourable balance of trade, despite bacon, butter and beer, accompanied by a severe shortage of dollars. Devaluation of the krone a year ago, at more or less the same time as the pound sterling was cut, aggravated the situation. A high standard of living in Denmark has been maintained by eating into reserves and creating a closed economy of high internal prices. Faced additionally with the necessity of falling into marching step with other signatories to the North Atlantic Pact and doubling expenditure on defence measures, the Government sought relief by demanding a period of high austerity and heavier taxation. Except from the Communists there was no resistance in principle; it was the proposed form of taxation which provoked the clash. The new Folketing is now attempting to discover an acceptable answer. Danes, meantime, must pull in their belts. They will not be able to pass the burden to other shoulders by import controls, and Marshall Aid is to cease in its present form in 1952. The situation is roughly parallel to the heavy strain on Britain in 1947, when drastic steps to curb inflation and increase exports were faced. The answer is grim, but with their backs to the wall, the Danes will know how to stand up to it.

Seamen's Pastor In Headlines

Man lately in the news in a big way is the 41-year-old Danish pastor, the Reverend Morgens Buch, who, at his post at the War Memorial Church and Mission in a large converted castle, is the most northerly stationed Danish pastor in Britain.

He officiated at the recent wedding of Prince George of Denmark and Viscountess Anson at Glamis Castle.

To an interviewer he said: "I am not important. I was just a country vicar in Denmark before I came to Newcastle in 1946. I was minister on a small island, such a small one that its name would mean nothing to you in this country. Then I came to Newcastle and have been working to convert the house into a mission and chapel."

Peter Buch, as a minister of the Church of Denmark (its full title is the People's Church of Denmark), has discretion to perform the marriage ceremony where one of the parties has been in a divorce action.

As well as looking after visiting Danish seamen at Newcastle and the small Danish colony there, pastor Buch is responsible for Scotland but has cooperation of a Norwegian pastor at Leith and a Swedish pastor at Aberdeen.

Newcastle was chosen as his church headquarters and for the site of the mission and Church, opened last year as a memorial to the 950 Danish seamen who lost their lives in the service of the allies during the war, because Newcastle was then their main base.

Beach-Peach



CURVACEOUS Vickie Hayes likes the beach at Hampton, New Hampshire, but there's reason to believe the water isn't the chief attraction when she's there. (Acme).

Altogether 6,000 were at sea, and most of them called at this Tyneside mission and knew it well.

Juggle your way out of this

by JAMES BARTLETT

Dr Philip Eisenberg, an American psychologist, has found that matchsticks give him a clue to the minds of his patients.

On the desk in his consulting room he lays out seven matches in this pattern:—



He says: "To his patient: 'Just by moving ONE match, change this from Roman numerals into Arabic numerals and make sense of the equation.'"

By their actions they sort themselves into four distinct groups of people.

The ESCAPISTS do not bother for long. They reckon there is a catch in it, or they say, "It's impossible."

The JUGGLERS are more persistent. They want to show that one from two equals one:—



But they do not keep to the rules. They move TWO matchsticks, and they still leave the answer in Roman figures.

The TRIERS keep at it and eventually feel satisfied with this result, which shows that one times one equals one:—



But though the figures are now Arabic and the equation is correct, one figure is tilted.

The WISE FOLK plunge deep and come up with the truth that the square root of one equals one. They move one match:—



THEREFORE:

The doctor finds that people's reactions to his matchstick trick can be typical of how they face their own, bigger worries.

The ESCAPISTS are those who in life refuse to face a problem, says the doctor.

The JUGGLERS are those who try to break the walls which restrain them.

The TRIERS are the sort of people who seek substitute solutions which do not really solve the problem.

The WISE FOLK, he finds, are the ones who seek always to understand more about themselves, the people they meet, and the world they live in. * IN WHY WE ACT AS WE DO, by Philip Eisenberg: World's Work, 10s. 6d.



THREE-YEAR-OLD Wendy Rogers and an even younger long-eared goat appear to have an understanding that's "just between us kids" as they nestle together on the grass in the Children's Corner at the London Zoo. A short while later, they snoozed together. (Acme).

London Diary:

EXPECTING BABY, ACTRESS BARES SECRET MARRIAGE

There is news of a secret marriage. Bride was actress Joan Hopkins, who starred in the film "The First Gentleman and Man on the Run"; she was Peter Pan in 1948. She is 35. Bridegroom was film director Henry Cass, 48, whose first marriage ended in divorce in 1944. He directed "Acacia Avenue."

Miss Hopkins told about the marriage at her home in Belsize Park, Hampstead.

It took place at Hampstead register office in the spring. Only three close friends were present. "We wanted to avoid a lot of fuss and bother," says Miss Hopkins. And the secret has been well kept since.

Why let the secret out now? Because Miss Hopkins is expecting a baby in December.

A few weeks ago she was Desdemona in Othello on television. "Now," says Miss Hopkins, "I can only do radio broadcasts until the baby is born."

REBUILDING CATHEDRAL

Plans are complete for the reconstruction of St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark. It was destroyed by fire during a Luftwaffe raid on an April night nine years ago.

The architect is a pupil of Gilbert Scott, Mr Romilly Craze. He is not a Catholic. Mr Craze has followed the main lines of the old Pugin church, so the new cathedral will be the old St. George's again with additions, improvements and modifications.

Canon Bernard Hogan, administrator of the diocese, estimates the rebuilding will cost £2,000,000 and will take five years.

FOUR-TICKET MAN

To open their exhibition celebrating the centenary of the public library, the National Book League chose Lord Samuel. It was a good choice. On the threshold of four score years, Lord Samuel is not only a politician, he is a scholar and bibliophile. And he is a regular user of Paddington public library.

It is conveniently situated for him. Lord Samuel lives in Porchester Terrace, Paddington. Library is in Porchester Road. Lady Samuel is a member, and so is their son, Mr E. H. Samuel.

Lord Samuel goes to the library regularly. He has four tickets—the full number—and uses them all. He often uses the inter-lan service for books not in stock; by that means special books can be obtained for him from any library in Britain. Lord Samuel reads novels, too.

RIDERS FOR THE GUNS

Apprentices from racing stables in many parts of the country have responded to an

appeal to join the King's Troop of the Royal Horse Artillery as part of their national service.

The King's Troop are stationed at St. John's Wood barracks. One apprentice anxious to join them there has already ridden winners on the racecourse. He comes from the establishment of Mr Perse at Newbury. Others are now attached to racing stables run by Archibald at Newmarket, Smyth, Fawcus, Wilson and Williams.

Throughout their service they will be able to serve with horses. They will have facilities to prevent them putting on too much weight.

ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO MEET

New York, Sept. 25. The North Atlantic Council is tentatively scheduled to meet tomorrow afternoon for a final session in planning the defence of Western Europe against possible invasion from the East.

The Council has been in recess for a week while the Big Three Foreign Ministers and Defence Secretaries discussed defence problems, especially how to use German manpower in the integrated European force.

The Big Three and their staffs have still not revealed details of their talks, but press reports said the French had agreed to the American proposal that German divisions be included in the European defence forces.

Reports said it was unofficially known the French would not object to raising of German divisions once their population can see strong French, British and American troops forming the basic European security force.—United Press.

Hongkong Frog Has Family

For the first time a family of Malayan tree-frogs have been bred at the London Zoo. The mother frog arrived by air from Hongkong and was placed in the Reptile House laboratory.

Almost immediately she produced a large egg-mass, which she amplexed to a plant leaf overhanging water. When the eggs began to hatch many hundreds of tadpoles were released.

So far 25 of the tadpoles have become frogs — dainty creatures which leap from leaf to leaf to catch insects.

TRUTH DRUGS MISNOMER SAYS DOCTOR

The name "truth drugs" given to intravenous barbiturates when used for narco-analysis is a misnomer, declares Dr Ellis Stungo, clinical assistant in the Department of Psychological medicine, University College Hospital, London, writing in The Medical Press.

Dr Stungo says: "The statements disclosed under the influence of the drug are not necessarily true. They are honest. What the patient really thinks is much more important psychologically than fact. Under the influence of the drug patients find it difficult to formulate a lie, but this does not necessarily imply that statements made are truthful. They are only honest."

"There is no drug which can force an individual to produce facts. It is quite possible to be honestly mistaken, and the use of drugs cannot enable one to distinguish between what a person believes to be true and what is, indeed, factual."

"Fortunately the type of use which a person in full possession of his faculties is capable of accepting regarding his own attitude of behaviour is readily exposed when he is under the influence of a barbiturate because the lie is a clumsy attempt to conceal his reaction to certain situations—a manoeuvre which has rendered him neurotic."

SHE'S AS CLOSE AS AN OYSTER

When Mr Jack Andrews, Mayor of Colchester, took the traditional gin and gingerbread at the recent opening of the oyster season in the river Colne, he consumed a square of gingerbread the recipe of which handed down for generations and is now the secret of Mrs Elsie Gould, proprietress of the Anchor Hotel at Brightlingsea.

The day before the opening of the oyster season, Mrs Gould makes about five pounds of this special gingerbread.

Tradition has it that the ceremony of gin and gingerbread to mark the opening of the oyster season in the Colne was started in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Cautious Brightlingsea locals say that the gin and gingerbread ceremony started much later, when the Dutchman came over to buy the catches and primed the oyster-men with gin to drive a better bargain.

Whatever the origin, the gingerbread, for the past 50 years or more, has been made at the Anchor Hotel at Brightlingsea.

The recipe? Mrs Gould won't tell. This year, considered the best since the hard winter of 1947, about 100,000 oysters will be marketed and, of course, the Mayor followed tradition by testing the first one dredged.

GARRISON PLAYERS' COMEDY

The various members of the Dickson household contrive to get themselves thoroughly confused in a succession of complicated and amusing situations. These situations form the basis of "Fools Rush In," a comedy in three acts by Kenneth Horne, which is being produced by the Garrison Players at the Missions to Seamen Theatre this week.

The author's style of humour is well known, and "Fools Rush In" promises a very amusing evening's entertainment, and one not to be missed.

The cast includes several members well known to Hongkong theatregoers, and also three newcomers to the Garrison Players.

The play is being produced by Eric Sarter, who, very unfortunately, will be unable to see the fruits of his work, as he leaves for England just before the first performance.

"Fools Rush In" is being performed from Wednesday to Saturday inclusive, September 27 to 30, at 8.30 p.m. each evening, and for the convenience of Kowloon patrons, a special ferry will leave the Police Steps each evening at 8 p.m., returning after the show.

Tickets for both the play and the ferry are on sale at Moutrie's. There are the usual reductions in the price of tickets for the Services.

On Holy Year Visit



BLESSING the crowd on his way, Pope Pius XII, accompanied by Vatican guards and church dignitaries, makes his way from St. Mary Major's Basilica in Rome. Thus, for the first time since 1870, a Pope completed the Holy Year rite of visiting all four major Roman Basilicas on the same day. (Acme).

Hitting The Hay



AN American soldier hits the hay and sleeps peacefully and unconcerned at an advanced battalion command post near Taegu, while two of the sleeper's buddies chew the rag. (Acme).

Sad Victim



BOSTON'S meanest man is responsible for the sad expression on the face of Catherine O'Reilly, shown here with her dog, Tiny. One of the few women paraplegic veterans in the U.S., Catherine discovered a thief had stolen all the furniture in her new home before she moved in. (Acme).

Clouds Dim New York Skyline



THE splendour of Manhattan's tall buildings is dimmed for a few minutes during a sudden electrical rainstorm late in the afternoon. Looking south from Central Park, you can see the world famous skyline silhouetted against the white fog rolling in ahead of the black clouds that settled on the city. (Acme).

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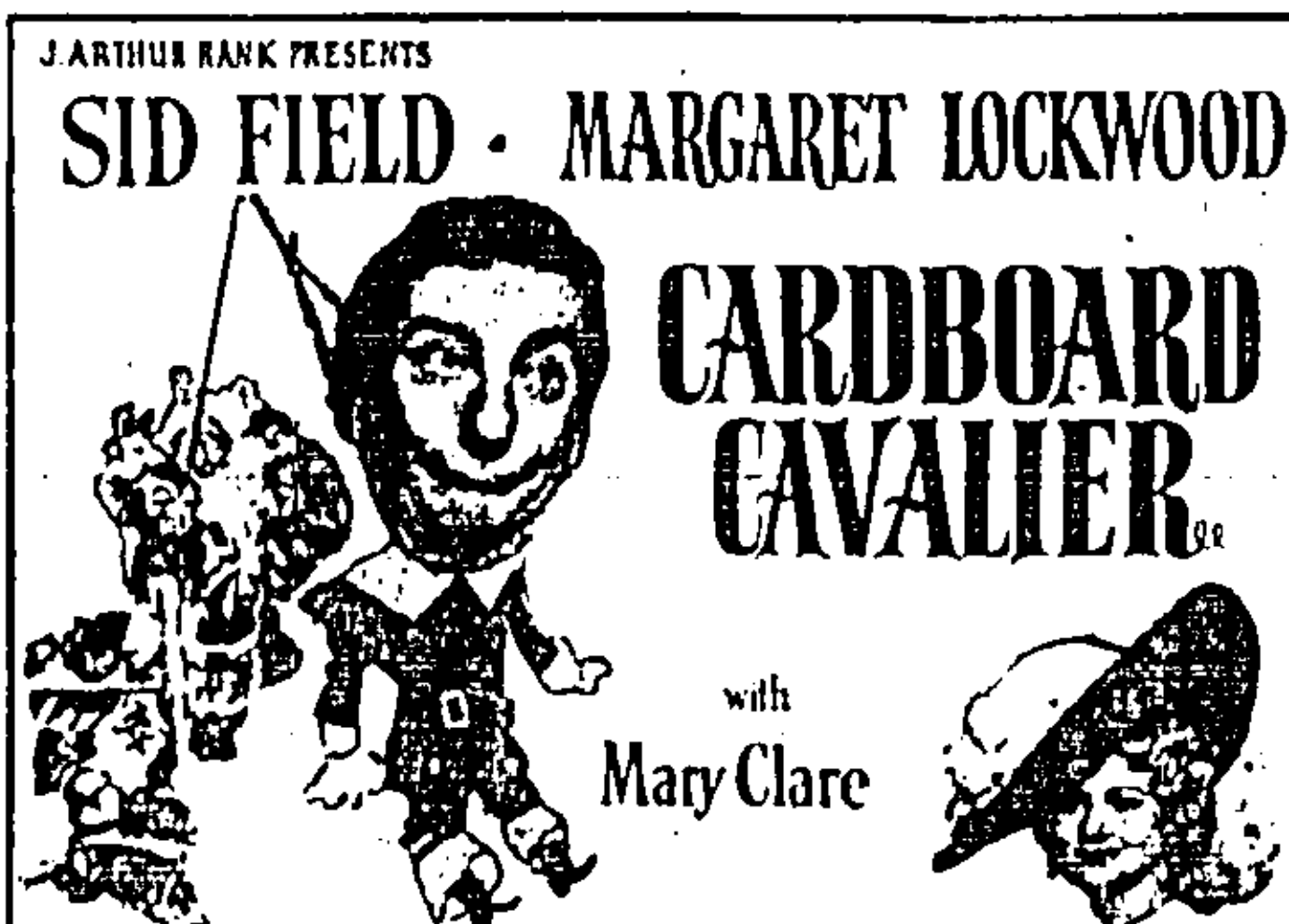
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TELLING THE STORY OF PARLIAMENT

By **Frank Watkins**

ON every day that Parliament is in session, a few minutes before the Speaker takes the chair, many doors open in the long corridor of the House of Commons which runs above the Chamber level, and there emerge several scores of men, chatting in accents which belong to the four corners of the United Kingdom. These are the men who tell the daily story of Parliament.

They do not all do the same kind of work or sit in the same row of seats. The Hansard men, for instance (who occupy two seats immediately above the Speaker's Chair) are high-speed shorthand writers whose business it is to take down virtually every word uttered. They work in ten-minute turns, and then go off to dictate the whole of their "take" to one of a group of high-speed typists.

The newspaper men, on the other hand, are out not for verbatim reports of speeches, but for the highlights, the news stories, the speeches of local interest, the human touch. Then there is the agency man, whose business also it is to select particular bits of moment to his firm's clients, and ignore the rest. All these men sit in the front row of the Press Gallery.

In The Lobbies

BEHIND them, and in a small side gallery, sit some of the sketch writers and the lobby correspondents. The lobby correspondent's job is not the writing of speed shorthand; most of his day is spent in the lobbies, the dining rooms and the bars, interviewing Members of Parliament, keeping his finger on the pulse of politics. He is the confidant of statesmen, and often guide and friend to the back-bencher. He dines with the famous, he has the ear of Ministers; he is the channel between Parliament and his editor.

A very elaborate organisation. Yes, but it is all strangely modern in comparison with the life of Parliament.

For the best part of 600 years Parliament would have nothing to do with the reporter. In the time of King Charles I, in the 17th century, there was one Rushworth, Assistant Clerk of the House of Commons, who was writing notes of the proceedings even when Charles entered forcibly and demanded of Mr Speaker Lenthall that he should reveal the whereabouts of five "rebels" who had incurred his royal displeasure. (They had, by then, escaped.) But some of the members objected to the note-taking, and Rushworth was, so to speak, forced "underground."

Chancy Affair

It was still a flimsy, chancy affair, this business of reporting the proceedings of Parliament, when in the 18th century the famous Dr Samuel Johnson came on the scene. There was a publication at that time called the Gentleman's Magazine, which had a wide circulation. The publishers engaged Dr Johnson to write Parliamentary reports for it.

Johnson's material was nothing more than notes supplied by persons employed to attend in both Houses of Parliament. The educated classes read these Parliamentary reports with immense interest. So skilful was the famous doctor in putting words into the mouths of speakers that everybody believed the reports to be literal accounts.

Thirty years later there began a Parliament which actually received the unofficial title of the "Unreported Parliament." It met in May 1768 and was dissolved in June 1774. For some reason or other, the standing order for the exclusion of strangers was strictly enforced, and as a result, its proceedings have remained practically a blank in Britain's history.

The only records handed down to posterity were some notes taken by Sir Henry

Civendish, which were later discovered in 40 small quarto volumes—not much for a six years' Parliament.

Right up to the early 19th century, the reporter was obliged to take his chance in the crowd of spectators. Often he had to struggle to get in. He was unwanted, suspect. But a change was at hand. It was wrought in a dramatic fashion—by nothing less, in fact, than the accidental destruction by fire, in 1834, of the old House of Commons.

The Complement

A TEMPORARY House was built in one year; and, for the first time in history, a separate gallery was provided for the reporter. The House of Lords had taken the step three years previously. And three years earlier still the Press had begun to be recognised for what it was—the handmaid of Parliament and its very complement.

In 1828 Lord Macaulay had written: "The gallery in which the reporters sit has become a fourth estate of the Realm." The title stuck, and the Press is known as the "Fourth Estate" of this day.

In 1840 came another phase, for the Parliamentary reports were protected as from that year by the Privilege of the House—though another 17 years were to elapse before the Treasury began to subsidise them. In 1871 Disraeli himself was alluding to a newspaper as being "the classical authority for reports of Parliamentary proceedings."

The final phase began in 1889, when the firm of Hansard, which had been doing the Parliamentary reports, became a public company. In 1891 a new contract was signed between the Controller of the Stationery Office and Reuters Telegram Company for the future publication of the Debates. From 1895 to 1908 the London Times staff supplied the reports, until at long last the State assumed responsibility.

Quite Distinct

THE House of Lords has its own Hansard staff, with a separate Editor and Assistant. It is quite distinct from the Commons team. In 1889 the House of Lords more progressive than the Commons, agreed to provide Hansard's representative with accommodation at a small table immediately behind the Clerk of the House. It is from this position of advantage that the Lords' debates have been reported ever since. As far as I can discover, the Hansard man sat in the Press Gallery with the other journalists up to this time.

This was not the first time the Lords had shown a more progressive spirit than the Commons, for there has been a Reporters' Gallery in the Lords since 1831, some years before the Commons provided one. It was in 1906 that the Lords appointed an Editor and an Assistant Editor whose job it was to engage a reporting staff. In 1917 it became possible, as with the Commons, to produce the daily reports of debates in time to be delivered to Members of the House by first post next morning.

Place Of Drama

THE pressman in his cyrie rees do more of the drama than do some of the M.P.s. The veteran in the Gallery today can tell you of 100 great moments in this place of drama. He will recall the day in August 1814 when Sir Edward Grey, in level and sombre tones, made the speech which meant war with Germany. He will recall, too, the emotional, almost heart-breaking days of the brief reign of Edward VIII. And he will recall that first Sunday morning of September 1939, when in a packed House, the

Prime Minister announced the declaration of war.

The pressman, Hansard or other, has to perform on Members' speeches an amount of trimming which would surprise most people. The difference between a speech as it is delivered and as it appears in print must be seen to be believed. Most M.P.s freely acknowledge their debt to the reporter. Some speakers are much more difficult to report than others; some of them pour out words at 220 or more words a minute.

For all the changes that the years bring, there are many things in Britain's Parliament that do not change. The reporter in the House of Lords, for instance, looks on at ceremonies which are much the same today as they were hundreds of years ago. When the Royal Assent to a Bill is signified, it is conveyed in an old Norman French phrase: "Le Roy le veult"—"The King wills it."

The scene in the Commons Chamber, too, does not change much with the years. Outward things, to be sure, reflect the passage of time. For instance, only one Member sticks to the custom of wearing a top-hat in and about the Chamber; Members no longer crack nuts and eat oranges there; classical quotations have all but disappeared from speeches.

Great Power

AND the pressman, if he belongs to one of the agencies, knows that his "copy" will be appearing in newspapers on the other side of the world in an hour or two, and not be merely on its way by hand, to Fleet Street for the more leisurely dissemination of a generation or so ago.

In fact, the Parliamentary pressman wields a very great

power. The great orator, Sheridan, in 1810, was moved to remark: "Give them (i.e. his opponents) a corrupt House of Lords, give them a venal House of Commons; let me but have an unfettered Press, and I will defy them to encroach a hair's breadth upon the liberties of England."

Or take another kind of case, best illustrated by a remark of the late Lord Lytton in 1871. "We are absolutely at the mercy of these excellent and formidable personages, the reporters," he said, "and to complain would make matters very much worse. I will tell you two anecdotes. I went on, 'Mr Cobdett, during the short time he was in Parliament, incessantly abused the reporters of not fully reporting him. They ended by not reporting him at all. The late Lord Montagu once said something the reporters did not like. They sent him a formal warning that unless he publicly apologised, he should not be reported. He did not apologise, and he was not reported for two years.'"

Significance

ONE day, not so far distant, the Press Gallery will once more have a wing of its own, as it did up to the night of May 10, 1941, when Hitler's bombs put an end to the amenities it had enjoyed for generations. During World War II, when there was at least a possibility that Parliament would move temporarily to the English Midlands, the official evacuation arrangements included members of the Press, and many a Gallery man treasures as precious souvenirs the tickets and labels issued to him then.

As long as there is a Parliament in Britain, the men sitting in the Gallery over Mr Speaker's Chair will be there to transmit everywhere the eloquence, the wisecracks, the jokes and interjections, the pronouncements and the arguments which are so full of significance for million within Britain and outside its borders.

WHAT STALIN'S WORDS MEAN

BY C.E.M. JOAD

IN a revolution man, his thought and his institutions go into the melting pot and are made over a new — particularly in Russia. Politics, economics, ethics, law, the ownership of land, even music and philosophy, even truth and justice, all are transformed. That is as it should be — in Russia — for it is good Marxism — "The basis of society," Mr Stalin has just written, "is the economic system at a given stage of its development."

"Upon this is raised a superstructure of political, legal, religious, artistic and philosophical views of society, with political, legal and other institutions corresponding to these views. If the economic system changes, then this superstructure changes."

One thing, and one thing only, is immune — language. The good old Russian language, Stalin goes on to explain, is sacrosanct even after a revolution.

Is it really true, then, that the Communists have left words alone; that what was good enough for the Czar is good enough for the Comrade? No, for the simple phrase words remain the same, their sense has been subtly changed.

Sense counts

Now in these matters it is the sense that counts. Look after the sense, in fact, and the words will look after themselves.

People used to make fun of me because I kept saying, "It depends what you mean." It is a good thing, or planning, or love or pra-

gress?" — or whatever it may be.

"That depends," I would say, "on what you mean by Socialism or planning or love or progress." For words mean different things to different people in different ages and different countries and cultures.

On this, Humpty-Dumpty is the classical authority. "When I use a word," he announces in *Through the Looking Glass*, "it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less." "The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things." "The question is," says Humpty-Dumpty, "which is to be Master — that is all."

Humpty-Dumpty is right and since Stalin is Master in Russia, while the sounds are the sounds of the Czar, the sense is the sense of Stalin.

Let me explain. There are some words which, through centuries of usage, have acquired a sort of deposit of reputable meaning.

What Stalin and the Comrades have done is to exploit this reputation in their own interests and for their own purposes. Thus combining the smooth appearance of verbal virtue with the solid satisfactions of factual vice.

Take for example democracy. The word "democracy" means by derivation "the rule of the people," which we do our best to ensure by a system under which the majority of the people elect whom they wish to represent them and send them to Parliament to give effect to their wishes, knowing that they will be able to call them to account for their stewardship every five years.

WATCH FOR—

MILITARY

WATCH FOR an official announcement which will affect more than any other recent move the Government's anxiety to prevent atom-bomb incidents like the case of Dr. Fuchs. The announcement will show that a high-ranking Service officer, Commodore Herbert Vernon Hawley (aged 53), has been appointed security chief of the newest atom station being built at Aldermaston, Berkshire. Watch for news from Korea of a new American chemical which — when added to mud — converts it to a "rubbery surface" capable of supporting heavy tanks and tanks...

IN A QUIZ to determine which of 23 topics — ranging from radio to medicine — people most like reading about, Birmingham Education Expert Dr. W. E. Flood found that news of future advances was far favourite — especially with women. People are more interested, it seems, in what is coming next than what is happening now...

DOMESTIC SCIENCE

WATCH FOR — baby-size bottles of soft drinks — cordial — selling at 6d. A new ice-cream powder needing only to be mixed with water before freezing. A revolutionary type of household screw which you can drive with even a hammer; it looks like a nail with a steeply inclined screw thread; it is 20 per cent. harder to drive home than an ordinary nail, but gives you a five times stronger fastening...

ENTERTAINMENT

WATCH FOR a British film studio experimenting with private television of some of their film scripts to see how the stories look on the screen before spending money to make full-length pictures of them. More plays with even fewer (and therefore costing less) people in the cast, there are one scheduled with only two characters — in real life they're man and wife... Fewer dance bands specialising in bebop and live; they are on the way out fast. More American films sharing the same programme with British films now that Hollywood is abandoning its "all-British" or "all-American" programme rule... Dance halls introducing basketball restrooms to break up the evening routine.

CLOTHES

WATCH FOR leopardskin as the season's best-selling fur for outer developments in nylon evening dresses that don't crush when you sit down; nylon and wool mix for the lightest corsets ever; knife-pleated nylon that doesn't unpleat in the wash. Tradition-breaking experiment by a West End store which specialises in sportswear sales girls will themselves be dressed in sports clothes instead of the usual black uniform of skirt and blouse...

MOTORING

WATCH FOR a consistent trend at next month's Motor Show: bigger engines for the same-sized bodies — effect of that £10-tax-whatever-the-h.p. has got beyond the drawing board period... It's getting very near now — the third jump in price for new cars. Second-hand car prices are rallying, too. And in both cases the reason is expected scarcity because of rearmament demands.

London Express Service

Language, as the Russians use it, has been in the news. Stalin recently attacked professors who taught that language changed with the social structure... and at UNO Sir Gladwyn Jebb referred to the "upside-down language" of Soviet propaganda. Here is an interpretation of familiar Russian phrases.

Your mind, to write your thoughts and to listen to and read the freely spoken and written thoughts of others; still less does it mean freedom from arbitrary arrest and security against indefinite imprisonment without trial.

"Liberty" means quite simply the condition of the people, whatever it may be, in a "People's Democracy."

What is truth?

"Truth" is equated with the opinion of the Communist Party and, by derivation, of every "loyal" person living in a "People's Democracy." "Justice" means quite simply that what the State does is right.

Great credit is claimed for the people's democracies because of their addition to and constant "campaigns for peace." It should be explained, however, that "peace" means no more than a condition in which nobody pursues aggressive policies or acquires the armaments with which to implement them except Soviet Russia, while the correlative term "warmonger" means everybody who shows a disposition to counter such policies.

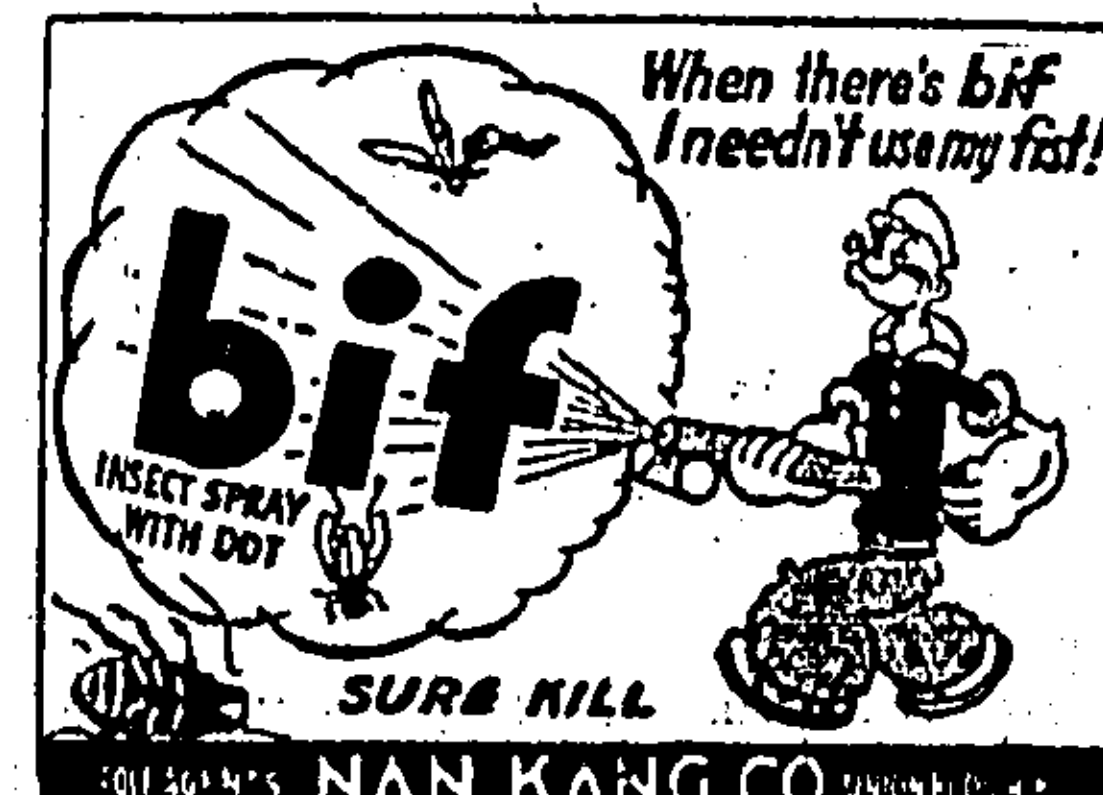
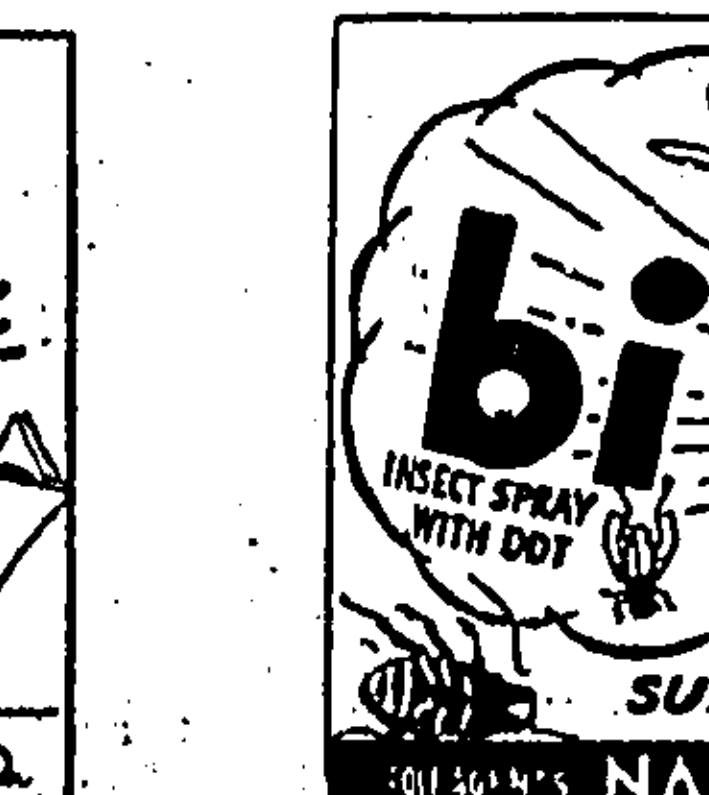
"A nation of warmongers" is simply any nation other than one of the "People's Democracies" which arms itself.

Thus by demonstrating his consummate "mastery of words" Stalin shows conclusively how unnecessary it is to tamper with the time-honoured Russian language.

NANCY

Leaving Little To Be Desired

By Ernie Bushmiller



U.S. Marines Capture Important Hill In Typical Banzai Charge

Inside Seoul, Sept. 25.

A Marine regiment that won a bloody three-day battle with a Marine-style banzai charge up a fortified hill broke through the Communist main line of resistance of the western fringes of Seoul today and tonight held a slope less than a mile from the Korean Parliament Building.

Aidan Crawley Due To Arrive Saturday Week

London, Sept. 25. Mr. Aidan Crawley, the Under-Secretary of State for Air, will leave Britain by air on Wednesday to visit Royal Air Force units in the Far East, including those taking part in the Korean war, the Air Ministry announced today.

Mr. Crawley will arrive at Singapore on September 30. He will visit the Far East Air Force Headquarters and Air Headquarters, Malaya, at Changi, the Far East maintenance base at Seletar, the operational base at Tengah, the Royal Air Force station at Kuala Lumpur, the Advanced Air Headquarters in Malaya and the RAF Station, Butterworth.

Confession Extorted By Russians

Bonn, Sept. 25. A former Social Democrat Party Secretary in Berlin declared here today that a false "confession" of being an Anglo-American spy had been extorted from him by the Russians with torture and brutality.

Herr Wilhelm Lohrens, who was the Secretary of the Social Democrat Party in Berlin after the end of the war refused to join the merger with the East Zone Communists to form the Socialist Unity Party, said he had signed the "confession" to save his own life.

Lohrens, his voice trembling with emotion, told a press conference organized by the West German Social Democrats how he was arrested and imprisoned in the East Zone in 1946.

For four days during Christmas, from December 23 to 26, he had to stand up night and day, chained to the wall of his cell in a Potsdam prison.—Reuter.

Castel Gandolfo, Sept. 25. Pope Pius XII called on the world's Roman Catholic clergy today to attack courageously the "iniquity of Communism and the abuses of capitalism."

The Pope made his appeal in a 15,000-word pontifical exhortation—largely a spiritual message advising Roman Catholic clergymen on how they could best carry out their missions.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll lend you the cup of sugar, Mrs. Jones, but if mother was home she probably wouldn't," she says borrowing always ends in a battle!

Friendly Gesture



Marines Battering Way Into Seoul

(Continued from Page 1) to the north-east to cut the Communists' escape route.—Reuter.

CAPTURE ORDERED
Tokyo, September 26. The fast-moving American and South Korean task forces raced northward and westward along every main highway of the Pusan peninsula as the American Commander in the Seoul area ordered the battered Marines and fresh doughboys to complete the city's capture today.

A task force from Major Gen. Hobart Gay's First Cavalry Division, racing across Korea in the Patton tradition, cut or was about to cut the enemy's main escape route out of southeastern Korea.

The South Korean troops, fanning out along a highway 40 to 45 miles north of the line they held 10 days ago on the northern front, were chasing or bypassing elements of five North Korean divisions which threatened to break through toward Pusan three weeks ago.

Front dispatches reported that elements of the First Cavalry Division reached Chochiwon, 10 miles north of Taichon and above the Kum River on the main Pusan-Seoul highway. Chochiwon is only 40 miles south of Seoul, which the Seventh Division troops occupied on Sunday. The front dispatches appeared to be confirmed by a Washington announcement that advance elements of the First Cavalry Division were only 38 miles up their drive for a link-up.

AIRCRAFT PAVE WAY
In Seoul, the Navy and Marine fighters and dive-bombers, pinpointing the enemy target, paved the way for an assault by the First and Fifth Army regiments and Army's 32nd regiment, which Major General Edward A. Almond, Commander of the Tenth Corps, said must complete the capture of Seoul today. As the Marines waded through withering enemy fire yesterday to climax the bloody three-day battle for strategic

Falkenhauser Trial Opens

Brussels, Sept. 25. The new Court of Assizes, restored from the charred ruins of the Palais de Justice, destroyed by evacuating Germans in 1944, reopened today for the trial of four wartime Nazi masters of Belgium.

The central figure is the 71-year-old General Alexander von Falkenhausen, former Military Governor of Belgium and Northern France. With him are three other Generals, Fritz Rueder, former head of the German administration in Belgium, Karl Bormann and Hans Von Clauer, both of whom headed the German administration in Liege Province. All are accused of executing hostages and deporting workers to Germany.

After a brief opening last May, the trial was adjourned to permit the defence to study 350 dossiers on the case. These dossiers total 20,000 typed pages.—Reuter.

IN HEART OF CITY

This morning, however, the Americans were within sight of the government buildings in the heart of the city. But they still had to clean out thousands of little alleys and byways where every crack might hide a rifleman, and root out organized defense forces out of modern concrete buildings in the city's business section.

The fast-moving task forces in the south moved so rapidly that they sometimes lost contact with division command posts. It still was impossible to say how many Red troops had been bypassed, but it appeared that the First Cavalry and other U. N. First Corps units could follow up the First Cavalry advance elements quickly they might cut off the remnants of five enemy divisions in the south.

It appeared that most of the five other enemy divisions on the northern front still were ahead of the main South Korean forces racing northward. Two other divisions—the Seventh and Ninth—have not been reported in contact on the southern front for several days, until a hospital corpsman from the Ninth Division was captured near Kunchon, north of where the division last fought on the Naiklong front. Elements of the Ninth division were reported to be among the Seoul defence forces.—United Press.



In this boat, a mere 16 tons and barely 40 ft. long, the crew had travelled 15,000 miles half way round the world, through storms and calms without mishap. She was designed by Commander Roy Kiray while on service in Singapore at the end of the war. The vessel was built by four Malay workmen under the supervision of Mr. George Jarvis, chargehand of the shipwrights in Singapore dockyard. Commander Kiray thought it would cost \$1,200 and take four months; instead of which he had to spend \$3,000 and wait a year. Photo shows the "Boleh"—or the "Can Do"—in Salcombe Harbour at the end of her great voyage. (London Express Service).

END OF

VETO RIGHT IN U.N. ASSEMBLY PREDICTED

Flushing Meadow, Sept. 25. Mr. Gerhardus P. Jooste, South African Ambassador to the United States, forecast in the United Nations General Assembly today the end of the veto right in the Security Council.

The veto was the major weakness of the Organisation, he declared.

There could no longer be any doubt of the unsoundness of the principle.

"I feel sure that it will not continue indefinitely to be enshrined in our Charter," he said.

"This Organisation has already in many ways justified its creation. Its record is a good one and it is the conviction of my Government that the blame for the world's present plight attaches not to defects in the United Nations but rather to factors which are beyond its control."

Mr. Jooste declared that "hostile and acrimonious debate" was engendering an atmosphere of confusion and hostility, in which co-operation was becoming yearly more difficult, and which threatened the future of the Organisation.

South Africa, he said, condemned the "clearly aggressive acts" of the North Korean Government.

The Union welcomed the prompt action of the United States and other governments to check the invader.

NO READY PANACEA

Without referring directly to South-West Africa or the treatment of Indians in the Union, the two South African issues before the Assembly, Mr. Jooste declared, "Those who are so hasty in their criticism of us in Africa should clearly realise one thing—there is no ready panacea for Africa in its present state."

"It is the policy of the South African Government to raise the standard of living of all the peoples of Africa. We are, in fact, striving to bring real and not illusory benefits."

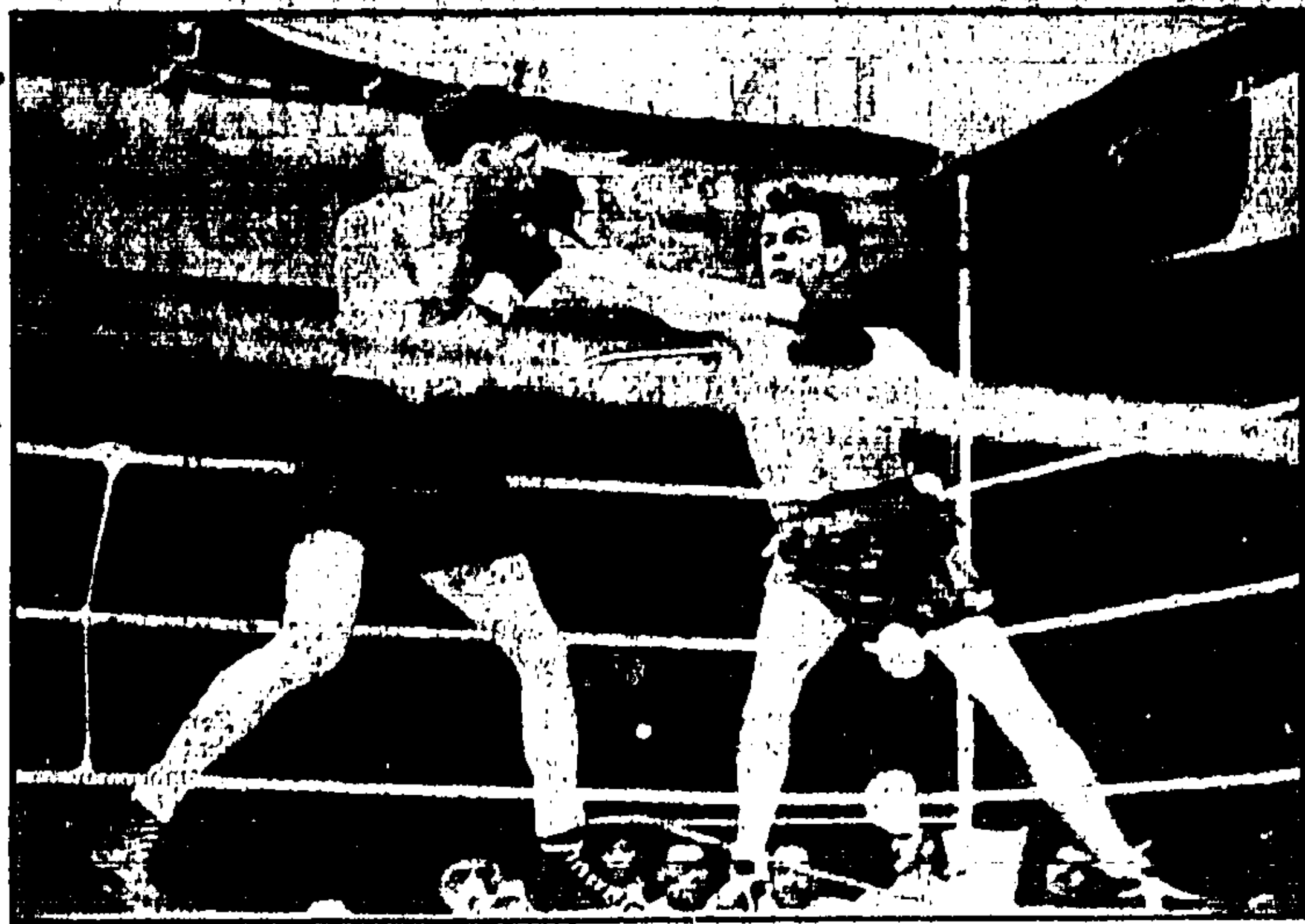
"I submit that an evaluation of the progress made in the development of Africa and its peoples would be much more objective and more helpful if more credit were given to the path which has already been covered and less emphasis were placed on the road which still lies ahead. We, who bear the responsibility, are aware of the task that lies ahead and are making great sacrifices toward its fulfilment."

When the Security Council meets tomorrow, the Indian re-

Radio Hongkong

11 P.M.
2.00, London Studio Melodies—The London Light Orchestra (BBC); 2.30, Excerpts from Grand Operas; 3.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 3.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 3.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 3.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 4.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 4.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 4.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 4.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 5.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 5.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 5.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 5.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 6.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 6.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 6.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 6.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 7.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 7.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 7.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 7.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 8.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 8.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 8.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 8.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 9.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 9.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 9.30, "The Legend of Charles"; 9.45, "The Legend of Charles"; 10.00, "The Legend of Charles"; 10.15, "The Legend of Charles"; 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EDDIE THOMAS KEEPS WELTER TITLE



Eddie Thomas of Merthyr (left) successfully defended his British welter-weight title against Cliff Curvis, of Swansea, on September 15, winning on points over 15 rounds.

Thomas, who was defending the title for the first time since he won it from Henry Hall of Sheffield at Harringay last November, had a weight advantage of 2 lbs. 6 oz., scaling 10 stone 6 lbs. 2 oz., to Curvis' 10 stone 3 lb. 12 oz.

Strong Man Tests The Main Attraction Always At The Highland Games

BY ARMOUR MILNE

The Highland Games' season in Scotland has just ended. From mid-May to late-September, between 100 and 120 of these traditional sports meetings have been held. Nowhere in the rest of the world, unless it is in parts to which Scots have emigrated—particularly Canada, Australia and New Zealand—are meetings to be found with the same traditions.

They were originally gatherings of clansmen and had a festive background. This is still expressed in the piping and dancing competitions. To these have been added athletics contests, many of which have been derived direct from simple tests of strength among agricultural workers, for it is a remarkable fact that many of the best Games today are those prompted in small villages. In addition to the track events to be found at any sports meeting, the Highland Games have their own events peculiar to the Scottish people.

The Highlander has a much higher regard for strong-man tests of skill than for fleetness of foot. Their champion is the man who throws the hammer rather than the long-distance runner, the wrestler in preference to the sprinter. It is for this reason that pride of place is given to such events as putting the weight, throwing the hammer, throwing the weight, and tossing the caber.

At many Games the weight is not the brass-bound 16-pound (7.258 kilograms) iron shot but a hick-cumbersome stone. And the Scots look on that as a relatively easy test of strength, so they add a 22-pound (9.979 kilograms) stone, even a 28-pound (12.701 kilograms) stone put, for extra measure.

In the years when amateur athletes throughout the world were still struggling in an effort to reach the 50-foot (15.240 metres) mark with the 16-pounder (7.258 kilograms) shot several muscular Scots beat it. Unfortunately they have not advanced since then.

NOT TOLERATED

For several generations the hammer used in athletics contests the world over has borne no resemblance to the original, being but a metal ball suspended

ed on the end of a length of piano-wire, at the other end of which is a stirrup-handle for the thrower to hold. This "hammer" has never been tolerated at the Highland Games.

Originally the hammer used was, in fact, a hammer often borrowed from the local blacksmith's shop. One development alone has been tolerated. The hammer head is now round.

The shaft remains a wooden one and not a length of wire. And its length is fixed at 2 metres (2.270 metres) overall. The wire-handled hammer competitor throws from a circle, inside which he may turn as long as often, and as fast as he likes. The wooden-shafted hammer must be thrown from a standing position. I have seen more than one champion in this style of throwing get close to 140 feet (42.672 metres) which is a creditable performance when one considers that the wire-handled expert—and this time I am including the world rarely achieves more than another 50 feet (15.240 metres) with all his spinning-top gyrations. Again, as in putting the weight, there are two weights of hammer, 16-pound (7.258 kilograms) and 22-pound (9.979 kilograms).

Yet another favourite strong-man act of the Scot is throwing the weight—which must not be confused with putting the weight. The throwing weight may be 28 pounds (12.701 kilograms) or 35 pounds (15.875 kilograms), usually both, the 28-pound (12.701 kilograms) weight is thrown for distance, the 35-pound (15.875 kilograms) for both distance and height.

The weights may be anything from an ordinary commercial block weight to an iron ball suspended on the end of a short length of heavy chain, no more than 18 inches (0.457 metres) long. In throwing for distance the athlete is permitted to turn around, the handle being held in one hand only. Throwing for height is done over a bar, the bar being raised as in the pole vault.

TOSsing THE CABER

Perhaps the greatest of all Scottish tests of strength is the world-famous event, tossing the caber. The caber is a trimmed log. It may be anything from 12 feet (3.658 metres) to 20 feet (6.096 metres) in length, measuring about two feet (.61 metres) in circumference at the thick end, 14 inches (35.560 centimetres) or 15 inches (38.100 centimetres) at the other end.

The caber is raised upright on its lighter end. From that position the athlete must lift it himself. He walks forward, then runs, with the upright caber balanced in his cupped hands. Then he throws it up and forward, aiming to land it on the heavy end with the light end going over in a complete three-parts circle away from the thrower.

No one is able to say when this event was first started. Suffice to say that it must have been going for centuries. And it remains one of the most popular—if not the most popular—event at the Highland Games. It is doubtful, however, if it is as old as some of the Games themselves.

There is that at Ceres in Fifeshire where the Games are reputed to have had an unbroken run since 1314, having been instituted that year to mark the victorious return of the Scottish soldiers from the Battle of Bannockburn, where they routed the English. The Ceres Games are held on a stretch of common land, the Bow Bells, where archers of the 14th Century army did their practice.

ROYAL BRAEMAR Hill races are another of the traditional competitions. There was a time when these events were the preserve of the gillie (the keeper of the deer-preserve), the gamekeeper and the farm worker. Now professional athletes specialising in this tremendous test of stamina compete.

The Royal Braemar Gathering in Aberdeenshire is said to have originated in 1640 with one of these hill races being staged by King Malcolm Canmore, the Scottish sovereign, to find foot-ladders in relay stages from the hunting lodge there to Dunfermline in Fife.

More than 800 years later Queen Victoria caused the race to be withdrawn from the Braemar events because she considered it to be dangerous to the health of the competitors.

During the past 100 years a new class of professional athlete developed to raise the standard of achievement and make the winning of the events within the reach of only rarely gifted athletes. Some of the greatest runners, jumpers, throwers and wrestlers in the world have reached high eminence at these traditional Games of the Scots. But their fame has been national rather than international because, being professionals, they have been unable to compete against the stars of other countries.

Some of the greatest athletes in other countries have become professionals to be able to compete at the Scottish meetings. This year, for instance, Barney Ewell, the coloured American sprinter who finished second in the 100 metres and 200 metres at the Olympic Games at Wembley in 1948, is racing in Scotland as a professional. His appearances at the leading Games have evoked considerable interest and may result in Scotland, never backward in this respect, producing yet another generation of great sprint runners.

Professional Tennis

Wembley, Sept. 25. Karl Schroeder, of Sweden, was beaten by Bobby Riggs, of the United States, by 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-final of the singles in the Professional Indoor Lawn Tennis Championships here to-night.—Reuter.

Colony Swimming Championships

NO STOPS FOR SUNDAES AS CYNTHIA EAGER CLIPS SIX SECONDS OFF A RECORD

BY "RECORDER"

Cynthia Eager, a year older and all of 14½ now, swam the 220 Yards Free Style in 2 minutes 51.8 seconds at the Victoria Recreation Club last night for a second Colony Championship and a second Colony Championship record.

Swimming the 220 yards in under three minutes was an unheard of feat in our feminine swimming world even two years ago when Shauna Anderson reigned supreme as Hongkong's feminine aquastar of the century. Last year, University's Mamie Leung, as luckless a mermaid as there ever was, brought the record down to 2 minutes 57.4 seconds. Yesterday she finished a faraway second as Cynthia, all knots fixed with sailor-like precision, swam effortlessly away from the field.

Somewhat more elderly at 19, Gnr. David Jones, of the 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, finished second in the 880 Yards Free Style to become the first Army entry in 16 years to win a prize at the Colony Swimming Championships. He was a split second ahead of Lam Kwan-ngor, of the Chinese YMCA after losing about a yard on each one of 35 turns.

Cynthia Eager's victory was no surprise to anyone. It was generally remarked last year that Cynthia hadn't put in too much training and that she is still unlikely to make a mistake about an ice cream special. Joan admitted that she has disciplined herself to forget ice creams. She has now left school and the whole business in rather infra dig.

A reasonable explanation of Cynthia's terrific improvement upon her performances last year was provided by her proud father. He said that she had been training in the Victoria Barracks pool, which is a fresh water affair, and that salt water was much easier after that.

Gnr. David Jones, 19, who finished a good two lengths behind Wah Yan College's and Fortuna Swimming Club's Cheong Kin-man, 18, has little to feel inferior about. Swimmers like Cheong Kin-man have never been seen before in this Colony.

NOT IN A CLASS

Cheong, however, proved quite conclusively that he is not in a class with veteran Chan Chun-nam, retired this year, a swimmer whose best years were lost in the four years of the Japanese occupation. He was a good 10 seconds behind the Sea Lion's official best in winning the Half Mile.

Cheong Kin-man is not a long distance swimmer. His best distance is the 220 Yards. Neither is Sonny Monteiro a middle distance swimmer. His distance is the 100 Yards.

David Jones, now in his second competitive season, is likelier in the long run to be a better distance swimmer than Cheong. His effort yesterday was even-paced throughout and he lost nowhere from 20 to 30 seconds on the turn.

Jones is here on National Service and has been in Hongkong exactly three months. He is Welsh, coming from Aberllynny in Monmouthshire and followed by a bit of a margin in taking a Hongkong Championship back to Wales. After all we have a Welsh title here—the Welsh Open Singles title in tennis—brought back by Ip Koon-hung.

Last year he entered a 1½-mile swim across an expanse of water in Wales—as far as I can remember he said it was a lake—and finished sixth to J. W. Brockway, the Olympic and Empire Games back-stroke swimmer.

BUCKED UP

This so bucked his spirits that within the next few days he was swimming in the South Wales District Junior Championships and won the 880 Yards and One Mile Championships.

At the end of every 50 yards at one end of the pool yesterday he was cheered to the rafters—and they are without a ceiling at the VRC—by the VRC Helired Menadist Association (Old Girls over 16 years of age) and he really needed it on that final turn as Lam Kwan-ngor, one of the pluckiest swimmers I have seen, just failed to nip him on the turn and lost another three-tenths of a second in the last five yards.

Records did not fall as expected at the VRC yesterday evening. Cheong Kin-man failed by all of 11.3/5 seconds in the 880 Yards Free Style and Victor Matluk by all of 2.3/5 seconds in the 100 Yards Back Stroke. The betting was 2-1 that both would pulverise the old figures.

On the other hand, Wong Huen-sang, of the Chinese YMCA, a little known newcomer, came within a fifth of a second of Lykke Rose's record in the Women's 50 Yards Breast Stroke and William Teo, of the Fortuna Swimming Club, came within a fifth of a second of Wilfred Lawrence's 1 minute 10.3/5 seconds record in the Men's 150 Yards Individual Medley.

THE RESULTS

MEN'S 880 YARDS FREE STYLE
1 Cheong Kin-man (Fortuna) 11:21.6
2 Gnr. D. H. Jones (Army) 12:10.2
3 Lam Kwan-ngor (Ch. Y.) 12:10.6

WOMEN'S 50 YARDS BREAST STROKE
1 Wong Huen-sang (Ch. Y.) 38.2
2 Hung Man-man (Ch. Y.) 39.2
3 Kwok Kam-nor (Ch. Y.) 39.4

MEN'S 150 YARDS INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
1 William Teo (Fortuna) 1:40.8
2 Lau Tai-ping (Ch. Y.) 1:47.2

WOMEN'S 220 YARDS FREE STYLE
1 Cynthia Eager (VRC) 2:51.8
2 Mamie Leung (HKU) 3:02.0
3 Joan Eager (VRC) 3:05.0

MEN'S 100 YARDS BACK STROKE
1 V. Matluk (VRC) 71.0
2 Shum Kam-chiu (Ch. Y.) 72.8
3 C. C. Wong (Fortuna) 73.4

BEST EVER



Cynthia Eager, the pride of the Victoria Recreation Club, snapped shortly after her triumph in the 220 Yards Free Style in new record time for the Colony Swimming Championships. — Telegraph Staff Photographer.

ENGLISH FA ANNOUNCES FOUR-POINT PROGRAMME TO RAISE STANDARD

London, Sept. 23.

Taking their defeats in the World Cup tournament to heart, the English Football Association today issued a four-point plan to improve the standard of English football.

A technical committee is to be formed. It will be a committee of the International Committee and will consist of the Chairman of each selection sub-committee and will have powers to confer with directors, prominent officials, managers and players. That is to say with all those who matter in football in the country.

This committee, which first meets on November 8, two weeks before the all important international match with Yugoslavia in London, will have the task of carrying out the four-point plan for the improvement of the game in England.

Point number one: To examine the standard of English football and make recommendations concerning practical measures for further development in the improvement of standards of play; for example, the extensive use of floodlights to provide opportunity for ball practice during the winter months for youths who show outstanding ability and for part-time players.

Point number two: To arrange discussion with management of leagues and clubs to see what effective steps can be made to extend facilities and opportunities for practice and coaching; for example, the organisation of coaching courses for young players by leading professional and amateur clubs.

Point number three: To consider methods of team preparation and tactics required for teams touring abroad and taking part in international competitions.

Point number four: To examine the programme of club tours and representative matches abroad.

FULLY ALIVE

The plan shows that the Football Association is fully aware about the conditions of football in England today. It shows that they are fully aware that not only directors, officials and managers can help but the player as well. The opinion of such men as Billy Wright, England's captain, is clearly worth having.

The first point in the plan shows that the English officials who went to Brazil had brought back something with them; for it was in that country that they saw youths training under floodlights.

Indeed, Mr Walter Winterbottom, the Football Association's director of coaching and its international team manager, writing in the Football Association's latest publication "The FA Paper for Boys," says: "We need more floodlit grounds so that the boy player who has left school can practise his game after working hours."

It is clear from point one that, again taking the lead from what they saw in Brazil, they realise that the improvement in the general standard must start at the very bottom with the youth of the country. "Something has to be done to improve the play of England near the goal. It was this weakness, this failure to finish many brilliant movements, that

Indian Footballers Here In November

Members of Hongkong Football Association's management committee learned at a meeting last night that an all-Indian team is to visit the Colony in November.

The Indians arrive here on November 1 and will play three games before departing on November 8.

had several before then. So could the Canadian touring team, but with this side as well they failed when it came to the scoring of goals.

At the present time, England has evidently no remedy, for nine of the players who failed to beat Spain are included against Ireland. Indeed, there is really only one man to lose his place, Milburn at centre-forward, for the centre-half, Hughes, was injured.

The new plan of the Football Association aims at having only nine in the team who can properly be labelled "the masters of football" and which will, it is hoped, win the Jules Rimet Cup in Switzerland when the world championships are next played in 1954.—Reuter.

TESTS FOR 'MASTER' WHISTLERS

London, Sept. 25.

British soccer referees have a worldwide reputation as "master" whistlers, and the Football Association intends to see that this high standard is maintained and, if possible, improved.

The Association first advocated to County associations a scheme whereby promising referees were watched in action and their performances assessed either for recommendation for advancement or for remedying any defects in match control. Now they have gone a step further and prepared a special form for the use of men chosen as assessors. The form, when completed, will provide a complete picture of a referee in action.—Reuter.



Gnr. David Jones, of the 25th Field Regt., RA, who finished second in the 880 Yards Free Style final in the Colony Swimming Championships at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday.

He is the first Army swimmer to win a prize in the Championships since 1934 when Cpl. Campbell, of the Small Units, finished second in the same event. Campbell went on to win the Harbour Race and represented Hongkong in an Interport. — Telegraph Staff Photographer.

First Callover On Cesarewitch & Cambridgeshire

London, Sept. 25.

The first callover on the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire Autumn double was held at the Victoria Club here tonight.

Strathpey, the winner of last year's Cesarewitch, was made joint favourite with the three-year-old High Forest for this year's race, which is being run at Newmarket on October 11 over two and a quarter miles.

Both were quoted at 100 to 7. Thirteen horses were quoted for this first leg of the double. Fifteen received separate quotations for the Cambridgeshire, being run a fortnight later at Newmarket over nine furlongs.

Lord Rosbery's Fastnet Rock, a well-handicapped three-year-old, was installed at a clear 18 to 1 favourite. The French candidate, Roc du Diable, who was made joint second favourite at 20 to 1, won the French Cambridgeshire today, but the colt's trainer afterwards stated that Roc du Diable would run in the Champion Stakes in the Newmarket.

Rugger Results

London, Sept. 25. The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY LEAGUE
Lancashire Cup, Second Round
Warrington Town 8, Oldham 15.

RUGBY UNION
Warwickshire 3, Glamorgan 13.—Reuter.

